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The Honorable Michael Pompeo
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Dear Secretary Pompeo:

I am writing to request information on the decision to grant Camila Ortega a visa to enter the United States and urge you to revoke such a visa.

Reports began circulating on May 29, 2018, that Camila Ortega, the daughter of Nicaragua's rulers Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo, would be in my Congressional district to attend Miami Fashion Week. There are multiple accounts that confirm that Camila Ortega and the rest of her siblings have been hired by their parents to represent the Nicaraguan government.

According to recent reports, more than 75 people have been killed, 868 have been injured, and 438 have been detained over the past month in Nicaragua, as a result of massive popular protests against the Ortega regime's authoritarian rule. On April 22nd, the Department stated that "we condemn the violence and the excessive force used by police and other against civilians who are exercising their constitutional right to freedom of expression and assembly."

However, condemning these abuses is not nearly enough. The United States stands as a beacon of democracy, human rights, and freedom, and it would be appropriate that only individuals who respect those rights have the privilege of entering the U.S.

Therefore, within all applicable rules and regulations, I am requesting information on the decision to grant Camila Ortega a visa to enter the United States and urge you to revoke such a visa.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
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